

December 1, 2004

Re: DE 04-197, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.
Petition for a One-Year Extension of Transition and Default Service
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On November 23, 2004, a duly noticed Prehearing Conference was held in the above referenced proceeding. Appearances at the Prehearing Conference were entered by representatives of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Freedom Energy, the Office of Consumer Advocate (participating as a full statutory party), and Commission Staff.

Following the Prehearing Conference, the parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following abbreviated procedural schedule which was submitted to the Commission by letter from Staff dated November 23, 2004:

Unitil's Responses to all Parties' Data Requests Propounded at the Technical Session	December 3, 2004
Hearing on the Merits	December 15, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and will therefore approve it. All pending motions to intervene are granted. The Commission will also allow for email service among the parties of all discovery by 4:30 p.m. on the scheduled date, with a hard copy provided the following day.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected not to issue a written order regarding the above referenced matters. Accordingly, pursuant to Puc 201.05(a), the Commission waives the prehearing order requirement of Puc 203.05(e).

Very truly yours,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary

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